

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society "Celebrating 60 Years" 1964-2024 Newsletter

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From Your President

With Eclipse 2024 just a little over a month away, excitement and enthusiasm continue to build, especially for those in the Path of Totality as we are. Given our mission, which in part is to provide exceptional experiences, it seems fitting to do just that in the days leading up to the long-awaited phenomena on April 8th.



Pultneyville offers a welcome respite from crowds gathered in more congested areas to explore, observe, and experience the Eclipse. It is a place where one can plan an active adventure or kick-back and relax in wide open spaces in and around the hamlet . . . a place where one can create their own "Me or We" eclipse experience.

As sole steward of historic Gates Hall, the W-PHS looks forward to the Hall serving as a "hub" for information and activity throughout Eclipse weekend. We are excited for the opportunity to enhance Eclipse escapes and experiences as we showcase what our area has to offer on **Friday, April 5th at 4:30pm**, when we host a **Welcome Event at Gates Hall**.

Intended to familiarize visitors and residents with our area, the event features speakers who will set the scene for the weekend, acquainting attendees with the significance of our history, "Things To Do" in the area, our Agricultural scene which dots the landscape, local Premium Beverage Purveyors, recreational opportunities, local eateries . . . and more. It will conclude with a fun and entertaining interactive theatrical Eclipse Trivia presentation by Jeremy Cummings, area actor, producer and director of theatre productions, and a drawing for the "Sun, Moon & Stars" Raffle Gift Basket that you be hearing more about which includes tickets to the April 7th RPO Eclipse Spectacular: A Symphonic Celebration at Rochester's Blue Cross Arena . . . and much more. The event will showcase eclipse-



inspired movie music masterpieces, cutting edge lighting and special effects technology, promising to be the area's premiere eclipse experience.

Throughout the weekend there will be multiple experiences offered in Gates Hall that range from having "*Coffee with Kucko*" as John shares glimpses of "*A Digital Transformation: From Sportscaster to Waterfalls Whisperer*" to an opportunity to learn about "*Illuminating Your Roots & Bringing Your Family History to Light*" with genealogy expert, Laura Wayland-Smith Hatch to a "*Stonehenge and Predicting Eclipses*" presentation by visiting retired science teacher, Matthew Bierer, from Alaska.

In the time leading up to the Eclipse event when history will repeat itself on April 8th, there will be multiple guided **Walking Tours** of the Pultneyville Historic District available on Saturday and Sunday with Sue Jane Evans, W-PHS Exhibits Chair, Williamson Town Historian, Perry Howland, and Mark DeCracker, producer of "Pultneyville Frames" featuring the late Chester Peters, the town's first historian. There will be a continuous loop of interviews playing in Gates Hall on Monday featuring Eclipse experts, each with a different area of expertise, including informational segments on when and how to use Eclipse glasses.

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Since food is always involved in memorable experiences, the tasty and popular **“Pultneyville Potatoes”** will be available on Eclipse Day, April 8th at Gates Hall . . . along with other surprises too! Stay tuned and watch your inbox for details and visit our website at www.w-phs.org and our Facebook pages for additional information and details as we get closer to the event.

As always, to ensure exceptional experiences for all, **volunteers are needed** and welcome to help throughout the weekend. If interested and available, please contact **Eclipse Co-Chair Kathy Cost at (585) 747-8316**.

While it all begins with the Welcome Event on Friday, April 5th at 4:30pm, weekend events conclude April 8th when the crowd stands in awe of the phenomenon they just experienced! However, our Eclipse 2024 Experience doesn't quite end there! The young and young-at-heart are invited to attend our W-PHS Program on **Sunday, May 5th at 3pm** to share experiences and write our collective Eclipse story as you will read in **Upcoming Programs & Events** in this newsletter.

As always, Thank You for your interest and support as we continue to celebrate and make history under what we hope to be clear skies!

Regards,
Nan

*Nanette Peters Hance, W-PHS President
Pultneyville Eclipse 2024 Co-Chair*

HISTORIC DISTRICT WALKING TOURS

Saturday April 6 & Sunday April 7
1pm & 3pm both days

Tour check-in at Gates Hall
4120 Lake Road • Pultneyville, NY
Rain or Shine

Reserve Your Space at
www.w-phs.org



April 5-8 Events at Gates Hall, 4120 Lake Road, Pultneyville

Friday, April 5

4:30pm - 6pm Welcome Event with drawing for “Sun, Moon & Stars Gift Basket” at 6pm

Saturday, April 6*

9:30am “Coffee with Kucko” and “A Digital Transformation: From Sportscaster to Waterfalls Whisperer” presentation by John Kucko

11am “Illuminating Your Roots & Bringing Your Family History to Light” with Laura Wayland-Smith Hatch

Sunday, April 7*

2pm “Stonehenge and Predicting Eclipses” with Matthew Bierer

**Suggested donation of \$5 per person for non-W-PHS members per each April 6 or 7 program.*

Monday, April 8

11am - 3pm Continuous loop of interviews featuring Eclipse Experts playing on Gates Hall screen

3:20PM-3:24pm

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE IN PULTNEYVILLE

4pm Drawing for 2 Eclipse Raffle Gift Baskets at Gates Hall

Bring lawn chairs and enjoy conversation with old friends, and new, weather permitting in Centennial Park or on the grounds of the W-PHS House throughout Eclipse Weekend and to experience the Eclipse on April 8th.

W-PHS EXHIBITS OPEN ECLIPSE WEEKEND

Friday, April 5, 6-8pm

Saturday April 6, 1-4pm

Sunday, April 7, 1-4pm

Monday, April 8, 11-2pm

No admission charge for W-PHS members.

UPCOMING W-PHS PROGRAMS & EVENTS

March 16, 10am, Gates Hall *Centering Historic Preservation in Community*

Chris O'Neil, Executive Director of the Oneida Community Mansion House (OCMH), will be speaking on the challenges of preserving historic structures. Joining her will be OMCH's Thomas Guiler, Director of Museum Affairs, and Mike Colmey, Director of Buildings and Grounds. The presentation will share OCMH's journey to address a building's needs with limited resources. Learn how the Oneida Community Mansion House—the home of the utopian Oneida Community—interprets the preservation of historic structures for wider public audiences. This W-PHS Program is free & open to the public.

April 5-8 *W-PHS Solar Eclipse Events all weekend!*

(See Page 2 and watch Facebook and emails as more event details are announced)

April 19 & 20, 7pm and April 21, 2pm, Gates Hall

Freud's Last Session, by Mark St. Germain

As World War II begins, a fictional meeting occurs between C. S. Lewis, author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and legendary psychoanalyst Dr. Sigmund Freud. Set in Freud's London home, the two wage their own battle, debating love, sex, the meaning of life, and the existence of the meaning of God. *FREUD'S LAST SESSION* is filled with humor and explores the minds, hearts, and souls of two brilliant men addressing the greatest questions of all time. Not recommended for children under the age of 18. Ticket information will be available soon.

April 24, 7pm, Gates Hall *Writers Read Event*

Come join us to hear local writers read selections from their work. Selections from essays, stories, memoirs, and more. This W-PHS program is free and open to the public.

May 5, 3pm, Gates Hall *Writing Our Eclipse Story*

Debra Ross as guest moderator will bring our community together to share eclipse experiences and write our Eclipse Story. An avid Eclipse enthusiast as some of you may know, Debra chairs the Rochester Eclipse Task Force and is Co-Chair of the National Eclipse Task Force. Please join us as we write our collective story together in historic Gates Hall and document it for future generations.



May 23, 8am-3pm, *Day of Caring*, at W-PHS House/Gates Hall/Centennial Park

June 3 *Golf for Gates Hall*, Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club

W-PHS FACEBOOK PAGES



Please check out, like and share our Facebook pages and posts!



“Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society”

“Gates Hall & Centennial Park”

“Historic Gates Hall”



Join us for our
4th Annual
Williamson-Pultneyville
Historical Society
Golf Tournament
“Golf for Gates Hall”

Proceeds from the tournament ensure ongoing improvements necessary to preserve the structural integrity of historic Gates Hall.

Monday, June 3, 2024

Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club

Prizes / Raffles / Live & Silent Auctions

Mulligans & Sandies

Registration opens first week of March.

Be one of our tournament sponsors, hole sponsors, donate an auction basket, donate items for an auction basket or make a monetary donation.

Golf with fun activities/games...not a golfer, join us for dinner!

Terry Sutherland, Tournament Chair

585-314-7813



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New York State Craft Beer Competition
 March 2 and 3, 2024
 RIT Inn and Conference Center
 5257 W. Henrietta Rd, Henrietta NY 14467

Once again this year, W-PHS is looking for volunteers! The time W-PHS volunteers put in directly correlates to the beer we receive to sell. Bring a friend, carpool, and have a great time!

Available Shifts to Prewash Glasses:
 Friday, March 1: 12pm-3pm (or if possible, stay until 5pm)

Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3:
 9:30am-12:30pm and/or 12:30pm-4pm
 (Work the whole day and get a free lunch!)

Other volunteer jobs available if you don't want to wash.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER:

Send an email ASAP to Mickie and me at:
mickie@raiseaglassfoundation.com
debrap@peterparts.com

Tell us who you are, what job you want, and when you can be there.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS -
 MAY 3, 4 AND 5:**

If you can't make this one, the Wine Competition is the first weekend in May, with Friday, May 3, for pre-washers, and the 4th and 5th for the actual competition!



A look at the founders of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

*From the Finger Lakes Times article, Feb 18, 2024
By Nanette Peters Hance*

Founded in 1964, the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society proudly celebrates 60 years strong in 2024. That in itself speaks volumes for the collective commitment of its five founders and the journey they embarked on well over a half-century ago to preserve and keep history alive in the quaint lakeside hamlet of historic Pultneyville, which dates to 1806.

With concerns that valuable lessons learned and stories of yesteryear would be lost or forgotten as generations pass, the group of concerned citizens began to discuss how they might form an organization to preserve Pultneyville's history, given its significant past. It had been the commercial center of the Town of Williamson for many years, with the best access to Lake Ontario, and also was a Port of Entry in the Genesee District.

Following many neighborly over-the-fence conversations, this small group believed that the time was right to start a historical society. They met several times at the home of Florence Forbes Cornwall to discuss the possibility. After several meetings a notice went out inviting "interested persons" in the community to a meeting.

Shortly thereafter, on Feb. 15, 1964, the first meeting was called to organize a historical society — and the founders did just that with the support of 10% of the population. Though short the minutes of the first meeting may have been, they provided a firm foundation for a very long-lasting commitment to the preservation and sharing of local history. At that meeting, the Pultneyville Historical Society was founded. It evolved, later becoming the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, as it is known today.

The W-PHS and community owe a debt of gratitude to the founders listed below who shared a common interest and devoted their time and attention to the task of starting a historical society.

Florence Forbes Cornwall had a deep love of local history, recognizing the significance of the area's heritage. Moving to Pultneyville from Rochester, she began documenting its history in the late 1930s. She wrote a book concerning the history of Pultneyville's beloved Gates Hall, America's oldest continuously active small community theater. Her other finished pieces included the Pultneyville Fire Company, the Cornwall family and the family farm along Lake Road, and the Hamlet of Pultneyville. A longtime resident, she enjoyed working on civic and charitable community projects. She loved the children of Pultneyville and is remembered for helping them master reading in her home while treating them to her famous ginger spice cookies. Cornwall was known, and is long remembered, as a mover and shaker and a real doer.

Alice Gallup was a fairly new arrival on the scene as a resident even though she had been summering in Pultneyville since the 1950s. An avid admirer of Cornwall and much like her, Gallup was interested in history, community-minded, had a great sense of humor and was talented. Given the historical significance of Pultneyville, it was hard for her to understand why no records had been collected, kept, or preserved for the first half of the 1900s. While the locals had many stories to share, few were documented. There was no official repository for records about Pultneyville's people or what they had done. Perhaps this is what inspired her involvement as a founder. Gallup served as president of the society for three terms, and also as treasurer and newsletter editor.

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Edward B. Leahy Jr. was also a fairly new arrival at the time who quickly became engaged in community affairs and was mesmerized by the stories from the good old days as told by the locals. He recalled that from the very beginning the founders' intent was to collect stories from the living old-timers before any information was lost, and to also collect any artifacts and ensure they were preserved. He loved to recall the Society's humble beginnings when meetings were a lot of fun — with joking and all the stories shared in the top of the old firehouse, where a fly swatter was used as a gavel — to having a permanent home at 4130 Mill St. Leahy often shared that in its infancy Society meetings were not boring or stuffy and that the organization was often referred as the "Hysterical Society." Leahy was the first president of the newly formed society in 1964 and an active member for the remainder of his life.

Chester A. Peters was a lifelong resident of Williamson who developed a love of history and had many community connections at a very young age. He knew many of the local residents born in the 1840s and 1850s and became fascinated by what he referred to as "Local Lore," often taking the time to corroborate facts he had been told in local newspaper accounts. He had a gift for retaining what he heard and enjoyed talking history with others. Peters mentored many, always nurturing a love of history. Seeing the advantage of photography, he purchased his first Kodak camera in 1928 at age 9 for 89 cents and in 1940 bought his second Kodak camera to take slides of people and places in the community — which he often used in presentations. Appointed the first Town of Williamson historian in 1965, Peters served in that capacity for 50 years and well into his 90s. Remaining loyal to the Society throughout his life, Peters was president four times and also served in other offices. His lifelong interest in history was invaluable to the Society and the community.

John C. Westerberg was a bit more familiar with Pultneyville than several of the founders who were new arrivals. He became a resident in 1958, acquiring a historic lakeside property in which he resided until his death. Originally from New England, it was no wonder that the hamlet of Pultneyville and its location appealed to him. With his New England background and love of history, Westerberg felt he was duplicating the life of early area settlers who were maritime men from New

England. He immediately became interested in historic Gates Hall, delving into its storied past which began in 1825 when it was founded as the community's first sacred place of worship. Westerberg's interest was in preserving history for the enjoyment of today and the education of tomorrow. He was active in the Pultneyville Players, staging productions at the Hall for 12 years. Given his interest in history and his Gates Hall experience, it seemed reasonable to start a historical society and he was honored to be part of its founding.

It was for the preservation of history that this group formed a meaningful organization. It seemed appropriate and timely that a historical society was needed to collect and preserve history ... the recollections of the locals, life stories and artifacts of the area that the community was so willing to share.

With gratitude, W-PHS gratefully acknowledges the foresight and commitment of its founders who have all since passed. May their love of both history and community serve as the inspiration to work more collaboratively than ever in these changing times to ensure history is preserved for the benefit of future generations. Their respect for the past and appreciation for the importance of history continues to inspire others and encourages a sense of shared responsibility.

Save the Date!
DAY OF CARING
May 23
8am-3pm
Annual cleanup of
W-PHS House
Gates Hall
Centennial Park



Collection Management

Fostering Preservation, Accessibility and Utility



PHOTOS FROM YESTERYEAR

By Dan Montondo

Russ Smith's Band was a Pultneyville Fixture in the mid 20th century rehearsing in Russ Smith's Store (where the Pultneyville Deli is now located). In an article in the August 14, 2003 issue of the Williamson Sun & Record Roland Orbaker stated that he joined the band in 1932. The June 22, 1933 issue stated that the band would be performing ten concerts at the Williamson Band Stand that summer.



(2023.0009.01 donated by Gary Orbaker per his father's wishes).

Written on the back: "1934 - 1935 Taken in Russ Smith's Store"

First Row: Henry Barg, Elmer Wical, Jim Cook, Nelson Ver How, Elmer MalGee, Roland Orbaker, Keith Hamilton, Irving Fisher, Russ Smith

Middle Row: Earl Chapman, Sidney Rulrin, Alfred DeRue, Ray Frine, Howard Robie, Nicky DeHey, Rodney Gordon, Henry Ver How, Charles Hartman

Third Row: Ted Warren, Bud Bohemler, Laurence Cunningham, Clarence Burcroff, Tom Young, Herbert Fisher, Orlie Bishop

Another photograph labeled "Pultneyville Band c.1915 Chet Peters Source" shows a Cornet Band on what appears to be one of the Pultneyville Piers.

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Names listed on the back are: Shalon Moore, Charles Mann, unknown, John Lergner, James Lergner, Jacob Dunning, unknown, unknown, Frederick Cornwall Sr, unknown, unknown.



Dr. Arthur William Fisher

By Irene Bierer



Here then is token and a sign
That much is hidden, left in doubt
In the great plan of the Divine,
Yet man by searching much finds out.

From *Niagara and Other Poems*, by Dr. Arthur W. Fisher

Yes, there is yet much hidden about realities in the life of physician and poet Dr. Arthur W. Fisher. A selection of facts remains in print, nothing of his personality.

Search we must! Born February 14, 1872 in Pultneyville, to Irving Henry and Assenath Fisher of England, we claim him as a native son. Siblings Adelaide, Rosetta, Nora, and Harry claim him as a brother. When he completed education in the cobblestone school in the village, he became a local graduate.

That was about all there was to being raised by this village, and Arthur wanted more than his hometown could furnish. He devoured studies from Sodus Academy, Marion Collegiate Institute, Cornell University, Medical School at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and took a break from input to try his hand at output when he became head of the faculty there.

We don't know what machinations ensued, but Dr. Arthur William Fisher re-set his direction to assume private practice as an allopathic doctor in Pultneyville in 1912. He responded to this turn of events by writing poetry!

As a single man, who lived betimes with his brother Harry and his wife on Jay Street, as well as in other situations on Washington and Main Streets, he spent time in travels to various and sundry places. Niagara Falls seemed to pique his interest in particular and was the location of much of his poetic reference.

On May 15, 2006, well past his earthly lifetime, Arthur was honored by The Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls in their new Coat of Arms, which included the motto "Tread the Smoother Ways of Peace", referring to the outstanding peaceful attitude of Canada and the United States as neighbors with a long common border - at least since the War of 1812. This motto was taken from the poem *Niagara*, published in 1924.

Not a bad life for a son of an 1800's cobbler on a lakefront corner, in a small yellow house in Pultneyville, New York.

*From out the vast eternity we came
To roll awhile,
Then backward fall, worn, bruised and lame;
The best of rank and file
Are still but rolling pebbles else in name.*

Comparing humankind & cobblestones tossed by the lake:
Niagara and Other Poems, by Dr. Arthur William Fisher

Still much is hidden, left in doubt.



Photo Credit: Niagara Falls Poetry Project
niagarapoetry.ca/2017/12/03/fisher/

Winter Gardeners and Day of Caring

Submitted by Linda Parmelee

As we have for the last few years, the gardening group got together to catch up and make some plans for the spring. In addition to planning in general, we discussed what projects could be our focus for **Day of Caring**.

If you haven't heard of Day of Caring, it is an annual event sponsored by United Way. On that day, volunteers from businesses and neighborhoods all around the region give a few hours to help out at local non-profits. The W-PHS has enjoyed the help of a team of workers each May. Work is done both inside and out on the three properties. Volunteers come for all or part of the day and help prepare the house, Gates Hall and the park for seasonal activities.

This year Day of Caring will be on Thursday May 23rd from 8am to about 3pm. There will be all sorts of activities: cleaning and sprucing up inside the house and Gates Hall, planting and clean-up outside at all three properties, and since it will be a week later than usual, we will need someone to mind the burn pile in back of the house. Cleaning products will be provided for inside jobs. Bring your favorite tools for helping outside.

No one ever goes hungry—there will be coffee and treats to start the day and a hearty lunch to help power through the rest of the afternoon.



Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Nurturing, sharing, preserving, and protecting the history of the Township of Williamson

Membership Form

Mail completed form to: Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 92, Pultneyville NY 14538
 Tax deductible membership dues are effective for 12 months from the date payment is received.

Please include information for both adults. E-mail is required to receive newsletters.

Name _____ Name _____
 Phone# _____ Phone# _____
 E-mail _____ E-mail _____
 Mailing Address _____ Mailing Address _____
 City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Residential Address _____ Residential Address _____
 City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Would you like communications sent via email, text, or both? _____ Would you like communications sent via email, text, or both? _____

Basic Category	Annual Cost	Business Category	Annual Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	Single: \$25, Couple: \$35, Family: \$40*	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Partner	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	Single: \$50, Couple: \$60, Family: \$65*	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Advocate	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer	\$125	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Associate	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Benefactor	\$500 and above
<input type="checkbox"/> Legacy	\$500 and above		

* Includes immediate family members only including children 18 years of age and younger

Membership Benefits

Basic Categories

Friend: W-PHS Newsletter, E-NEWS Blasts, Admission to Exhibits at W-PHS House and W-PHS Programs (excludes special ticketed events).
Patron: All Friend benefits *plus* a "Behind-the-Scenes" Guided Tour of Gates Hall.
Sustainer – All Patron benefits *plus* NARM Reciprocal Membership.
Benefactor – All Sustainer benefits *plus* one basic use of Gates Hall (date and use to be approved by Gates Hall Committee).
Legacy – All Benefactor benefits *plus* eligibility to serve on W-PHS Advisory Council to Membership Committee and opportunity to attend Exhibits Preview Event.

Business Categories

Partner – Basic Friend benefits *plus* business card listing on website and business listing in all newsletters.
Advocate – Partner benefits *plus* NARM Reciprocal Membership.
Associate – Advocate benefits *plus* one basic complimentary use of Gates Hall (date and use as approved by Gates Hall Committee).
Benefactor – Associate benefits *plus* eligibility to serve on W-PHS Advisory Council to Property Committee and opportunity to attend Exhibits Preview Event.

Additional Ways to Give!

Tribute Gifts ... A meaningful way to pay tribute to others or to commemorate a special occasion or milestone
 - Give a Gift of Honor to recognize someone special or a special time in life.
 - Give a Memorial Gift to celebrate the life of a loved one, friend, colleague, or someone who touched your life in a special way.
Planned Giving ... Gifts that may fit in individual financial, tax, or estate planning goals.
Unrestricted Gifts ... Gifts to be used as W-PHS deems best to support its mission.
Endowment Gifts ... Income generating gifts that help to sustain W-PHS beyond a single fiscal year.

Please check areas of interest for volunteering

Homecoming / Garage Sale Cemetery Tour Exhibits / Archives Activities
 Publicity / Fundraising Activities Building / Grounds Upkeep Program Planning / Docent Volunteer
 Gift Shop Membership Officer / Committee Chair

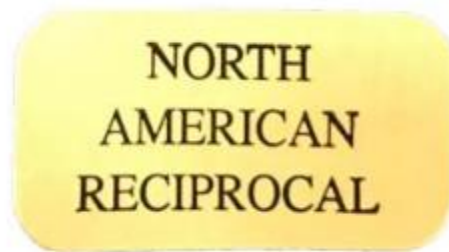
Other: _____

Additional Donation: \$ _____ for _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ for the membership dues and/or donation as shown above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please contact W-PHS (email treasurer@w-phs.org) with any questions about ways to give which extend beyond membership. Thank you for your consideration!



North America Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM)

As W-PHS strives to broaden member benefits, we now hold an institutional membership in the North America Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM) through which we can offer a higher level of membership which extends benefits well beyond our own organization. Membership levels at \$125 or above now include reciprocal NARM benefits which entitle members to free, or reduced, admission and varying shop discounts at over 1,000 institutions across North America. The NARM network includes art museums and galleries, historical museums and societies, botanical gardens, children's museums, zoos, and more across the United States, Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. For a complete listing of participating institutions, please visit narmassociation.org.

W-PHS members at the \$125 level or above will receive membership cards bearing NARM identification for use at participating venues. Some in our immediate area include the Memorial Art Gallery, George Eastman Museum, Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum, the Seneca Falls Heritage and Tourism Center, and the Finger Lakes Boating Museum where the W-PHS historic Minnehaha wooden boat is currently on loan.

About the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Founded in 1964 and chartered in 1971, the mission of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society is to preserve, protect and share local history of the Town of Williamson, NY, in general, and the unincorporated hamlet of Pultneyville in particular, by creating curiosity, inspiring involvement, and providing exceptional experiences by making history come alive.

The Society is located in a landmark dwelling known as the *Auchampaugh* home at 4130 Mill St. This house was built for Harvey Auchampaugh about 1858 by Russell Cole, a local blacksmith and builder. Auchampaugh was a prominent businessman in the hamlet, a harness maker, drugstore proprietor and Postmaster for several years.



Rooms in the home contain exhibits, archived information, a gift shop and business office. The Society House is regularly open mid-June through mid-October 1-4pm Friday through Sunday or by Special Appointment by calling 315.589.9892.

W-PHS Board Meetings Information and Program/Event Cancellation Policy

W-PHS Board meetings are generally scheduled to be held at Gates Hall at 4107 Mill Street, Pultneyville at 5 pm on the last Monday of the month as per published schedule. However, due to COVID-19, and to ensure social distancing, the time and location may change, or may be held electronically.

Any W-PHS member in good standing may attend on a non-voting basis and can request to be placed on the agenda for a specific purpose related to the Society. For the meeting schedule, please refer to the society's website at www.w-phs.org. The meeting schedule is also published in every newsletter.

The W-PHS Board meetings/program/event cancellation policy: From time to time there may be a need to cancel a program, event or meeting because of weather.

Cancellation Criteria: Schools are closed and/or after school events are cancelled due to weather (Williamson/Wayne County). W-PHS Programs/Events will be cancelled by the Program Chair.

Communication: The Program Chair will notify the President/Vice President and Communications Chair. The Communications Chair will disseminate the information to the website and social media coordinators. The Program Chair will notify the presenters of the event. The Program Chair will reschedule the program (if possible) and the Communications Chair will disseminate the rescheduled time and date when it is available. The President/Vice President will ensure the procedure is followed.

W-PHS Board Meetings 2024

JANUARY 15 (W-PHS Board Workshop, ItClix)

FEBRUARY 12

MARCH 25

MAY 20

JUNE 24

AUGUST 26

OCTOBER 28

NOVEMBER 25

*All Board Meetings
will be held in Gates
Hall at 5:00 pm unless
noted otherwise on
www.w-phs.org*

Contact us:

On the web: www.w-phs.org
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www.w-phs.org and click on the Member-
ship tab.**

Newsletter ideas?

Send to Barbara Crawford, Editor at
news@w-phs.org

WLLIAMSON-PULTNEYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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W-PHS COMMITTEES AND OPERATIONS

In addition to the Board of Trustees the work of W-PHS is supported by the following committees, leaders and coordinators for specific purposes as needed. Leaders and Coordinators attend Board meetings at the request of the Secretary or as deemed necessary and requested by committee leaders which include, but is not limited to:

“Meet the Spirits” Event	Alice Dodge
Exhibits	Sue Jane Evans
Finance and Audit	Lou Martino
Garage Sale	Linda Perkins
Get Your Holiday Jingle On	Deb Parts and Florence Doyle
Golf Tournament	Terry Sutherland
Home Tour	Deb Parts
Homecoming	Peter Parts & Committee
Picnic	Dottie Howland
Programs	Nanette Hance, Interim

OPERATIONS

Education Liaison	Maria Ehresman
Gift Shop	TBD
Grants (Local and Regional)	Sandy Zeman
Grounds	Lynda Parmelee
Hospitality	Betty Morley
Supplies (Mill St & Gates Hall)	TBD
IT Administrator	Tom Hatch
Membership	Alice and Cliff Dodge
Nominating	TBD
Volunteer & Visitor Engagement	Deborah Arndt
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Publications	Officers & Communications Committee
Media and Publicity	TBD
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